

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A label making apparatus having side walls that makes labels by performing a full cutting and a half cutting on a sheet, comprising:
 - a cutter disposed between the side walls of the apparatus comprising a single cutting blade that cuts the sheet along a desired line;
 - a switching device coupled to the cutter that switches a state of the cutter between a full cutting state and a half cutting state by moving the cutter from a first position to a second position via contact of the switching device and one of the side walls of the apparatus, the cutter performing the full cutting on the sheet in the full cutting state state, and the half cutting,cutting on the sheet in the half cutting state wherein state, wherein, in the half cutting state, the sheet is cut partway in a direction of a thickness of the sheet; and
 - a drive motor unit that drives moves the switching device to switch the state of the cutter between the full cutting state and the half cutting state by moving the switching device to a cutting state selection position based on proximity to the side wall of the apparatus; and
 - a controller coupled to the drive unit to control the drive unit that
communicates with the motor unit to control the switching device so that the half cutting is performed at least twice on the sheet before the full cutting is performed thereon.

2. (Previously Presented) The label making apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the cutter and the switching device are part of a self-propelled cutting unit, the state of the cutter can be switched between the full cutting state and the half cutting state at ends of a traveling path of the self-propelled cutting unit, the switching device takes selectively one of at least three positions and achieves one of the full cutting state and the half cutting state

commonly at at least two positions of the at least three positions, each of the at least two positions where the switching device commonly achieves the one of the full cutting state and the half cutting state existing on both sides of another position respectively and in a line parallel to the traveling path, the switching device achieving another of the full cutting state and the half cutting state at the another position.

3. (Original) The label making apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the switching device achieves the full cutting state at the at least two positions and each of the at least two positions where the switching device achieves the full cutting state exists on both sides of the another position where the switching device achieves the half cutting state.

4-6. (Canceled).